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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Milk Production Down 0.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2009 totaled 977 million pounds, a 0.4 percent decrease from the same month last year, and 4.3 percent down from October 2009. October 2009 milk production was 1.02 billion pounds, unchanged from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in November 2009 was 1,790 pounds, up 20 pounds from November 2008. The average number of milk cows during November was 546,000 head, unchanged from October 2009, but down 8,000 head from November 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from November 2008. October revised production at 14.3 billion pounds, was down 1.2 percent from October 2008. The October revision represented a decrease of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for November, 25 pounds above November 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 209,000 head less than November 2008, and 6,000 head less than October 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2008-2009

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	534	554	1,870	1,810	999	1,003	0.4
February ^{3/}	537	549	1,750	1,640	940	900	-4.3
March	540	550	1,885	1,840	1,018	1,012	-0.6
April	543	551	1,850	1,800	1,005	992	-1.3
May	550	553	1,930	1,910	1,062	1,056	-0.6
June	551	549	1,900	1,880	1,047	1,032	-1.4
July	556	550	1,960	1,930	1,090	1,062	-2.6
August	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
September	554	546	1,870	1,850	1,036	1,010	-2.5
October	554	546	1,870	1,870	1,036	1,021	-1.4
November	554	546	1,770	1,790	981	977	-0.4
December	554		1,820		1,008		
Annual	549		22,432		12,315		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	188	168	1,840	1,840	346	309	-10.7
California	1,845	1,765	1,795	1,775	3,312	3,133	-5.4
Colorado	130	116	1,845	1,880	240	218	-9.2
Florida	119	113	1,320	1,300	157	147	-6.4
Idaho	554	546	1,770	1,790	981	977	-0.4
Illinois	102	101	1,470	1,510	150	153	2.0
Indiana	167	169	1,580	1,620	264	274	3.8
Iowa	215	215	1,630	1,670	350	359	2.6
Kansas	121	112	1,695	1,740	205	195	-4.9
Michigan	353	354	1,780	1,810	628	641	2.1
Minnesota	467	469	1,525	1,535	712	720	1.1
Missouri	110	105	1,175	1,170	129	123	-4.7
New Mexico	334	315	1,900	1,985	635	625	-1.6
New York	624	611	1,580	1,580	986	965	-2.1
Ohio	277	276	1,460	1,500	404	414	2.5
Oregon	115	114	1,555	1,560	179	178	-0.6
Pennsylvania	548	537	1,510	1,560	827	838	1.3
Texas	430	413	1,600	1,710	688	706	2.6
Utah	85	83	1,685	1,740	143	144	0.7
Vermont	139	134	1,455	1,470	202	197	-2.5
Virginia	97	95	1,410	1,440	137	137	-
Washington	245	241	1,840	1,870	451	451	-
Wisconsin	1,254	1,258	1,565	1,630	1,963	2,051	4.5
23 State Total	8,519	8,310	1,654	1,679	14,089	13,955	-1.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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